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MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday August 17, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Laurie Green, MD, Vice President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

Excused: Commissioner Dan Bernal President

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm. Commissioner Green chaired the meeting and announced that item 8, "Developing a Health Commission Health Equity Training Plan," will be postponed until a meeting in which all Health Commissioners will be present.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2021.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Chow suggested that the word "honor" be changed to "memory" in the following statement, "The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm in ~~honor~~ **memory** of Janice Mirkitani, Cofounder of Glide Memorial Church, artist, and community leader."

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the August 3, 2021 minutes with the revision noted above.

3) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health, presented the item.

San Francisco to require proof of vaccination for entry to certain indoor businesses and all large indoor events

On August 12, Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that San Francisco will require businesses in certain high-contact indoor sectors, such as those that serve food or drink like bars, restaurants, clubs, theaters and entertainment venues, as well as indoor gyms and other fitness

establishments, to obtain proof of vaccination from their patrons and employees in order for them to go inside those facilities. This does not include individuals ordering or picking up food or drink to go. The Health Order is designed to protect against the continued spread of COVID-19, particularly among the unvaccinated, while keeping businesses open and helping to ensure schools remain open.

Additionally, San Francisco's order creates a new proof of vaccination requirement for large events at indoor venues, requiring attendees who are age 12 or older at events with 1,000 people or more to provide proof of vaccination. Previously, state and local rules required proof of vaccination or testing to attend indoor mega-events with 5,000 people or more. Under the updated San Francisco order, providing a self-attestation of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test in lieu of proof of vaccination are no longer options for people 12 and older to attend these indoor large or mega-events. Sponsors of outdoor events with more than 5,000 people attending are strongly urged to require proof of vaccination for patrons and staff.

The health order also extends vaccination requirements to certain health care providers—including workers at adult day centers, residential care facilities, dental offices, home health aides and pharmacists—who are not included in the state health order on vaccinations.

The updates to San Francisco's [Safer Return Together Health Order](#) are a response to the continued spread of COVID-19 most recently driven by the Delta variant primarily among unvaccinated people. While the City this week reported that 78% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, the current surge in new cases demonstrates the need for additional measures to close the remaining gap of unvaccinated people, while protecting those not yet eligible for vaccines such as children under the age of 12. San Francisco fully reopened for business on June 15 and has since seen encouraging signs that the economy is coming back to life, a rebound the City wants to maintain. San Francisco public schools are also reopening Monday for in-person instruction.

The health order requirement for proof of full vaccination for patrons of indoor public settings, including bars, restaurants, clubs and gyms goes into effect on August 20. This requirement includes indoor event spaces where food or drink is served. By that same date, those businesses must use their best efforts to ascertain the vaccination status of their employees. To preserve jobs while giving time for compliance, the proof of vaccination requirement for staff goes into effect October 13 for employees.

The vaccination requirements for indoor events, both private and public, that have 1,000 people or more in attendance go into effect on August 20. There is a limited exception for those events where tickets were sold before August 12 for events occurring by September 15; instead, those events may allow proof of negative testing as an alternative to proof of vaccination. The additional health care workers covered by the update to the order must be fully vaccinated by October 13.

The requirements may be subject to limited exemptions under state and federal law. Also, the new requirements for proof of vaccination do not apply to individuals ineligible for vaccinations, including children under 12 years old. But everyone, including children two years and older, still must comply with applicable indoor mask requirements under local and state health rules.

San Francisco's current 7-day average daily cases is 246 and the test positivity rate is 5.6%. This is compared to the peak of the winter surge when daily cases averaged 373 and the test positivity rate was 5.2%. As of August 8, 109 people were hospitalized, compared to 265 at the peak of the winter surge. The numbers demonstrate that even as cases soar, today's surge is much less deadly than the previous ones with the most severe cases and hospitalizations among the unvaccinated.

The updated health care order puts another measure in place to boost vaccination rates. The City and County of San Francisco has required that all 35,000 City employees be vaccinated 10 weeks after final approval of one of the vaccines by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which is expected shortly. Additionally, all

employees at “high risk” healthcare and congregate settings, including acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, homeless shelters, jails, and other locations, must also be vaccinated by September 15.

DPH is also making it increasingly easy and convenient to get vaccinated, last week launching a new mobile vaccination team called [Vax to You](#) that will vaccinate small groups of five to 12 people in their homes and workplaces by appointment when they organize groups of interested individuals. Business owners can take advantage of this service by reaching out to the mobile vax team. For information about finding a safe, free and convenient COVID-19 vaccine, visit [sf.gov/getvaccinated](#). For information on the new requirements, visit [sf.gov/vaxrequired](#).

Businesses can access SFDPH’s [COVID-19 Outreach Toolkit](#) with flyers, posters and other materials.

Department of Public Health launches new vaccine confidence campaign

On August 11, DPH announced the launch of a new multi-media campaign focused on providing the latest information to San Franciscans who have not yet received the vaccine.

The campaign builds upon DPH’s existing outreach efforts focused on communities and neighborhoods most impacted throughout the pandemic. These outreach efforts have included providing physicians at vaccination events to answer questions about the vaccines, providing incentives at vaccination events, and partnering with youth-led organizations to better reach priority communities. For this campaign, DPH partnered with Socialissima, a creative agency with experience communicating to diverse audiences.

Socialissima’s work for San Francisco includes a series of strong images capturing the stark difference between the potential mild side effects of a vaccine, compared with the risk of serious illness from COVID-19, as well as a series of animated videos summarizing how vaccines work, and the benefits of being vaccinated, in several different languages. Campaign images will be displayed on billboards in neighborhoods throughout the southeast sector of the City, on Muni vehicles, and bus shelters.

For more information on where to get vaccinated in San Francisco, visit: [sf.gov/getvaccinated](#) or call 628-652-2700. More information about the vaccine confidence campaign is available at [sf.gov/vaxsf](#).

San Francisco launches new “Vax to You” program

On August 3, Mayor London N. Breed and DPH announced that the City’s Mobile Vaccine Unit will vaccinate small groups of five to 12 people in their homes and workplaces by appointment when they organize groups of interested individuals.

The Mobile Vaccine Unit has been operating since February and has administered an estimated 6,000 doses at approximately 350 events to date throughout the City. The vulnerable populations served include homebound individuals, seniors in residential facilities, and those living in permanent supportive housing, as well as people experiencing homelessness, both at Shelter in Place and Safe Sleep sites, as well as those who are unsheltered.

As of August 3, people can contact the City by calling 628-652-2700, emailing sfvaxnow@sfdph.org; or by going to [sf.gov/vaxtoyou](#) to request this new expanded service, which will be available Tuesday through Saturday. All three brands of vaccine—Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer—will be available. The vaccines are free, no insurance is required, and nurses will be onsite to answer questions. The service is available if you have 5-12 eligible people among your family, friends, or workplace.

Anyone interested in additional information on San Francisco’s vaccine programs is encouraged to go to [Get vaccinated against COVID-19 | San Francisco \(sf.gov\)](#) to learn more.

Bay Area health officials urge immediate vaccination and issue orders requiring use of face coverings indoors to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Vaccination continues to protect against severe COVID-19 illness, but with the COVID-19 Delta variant now infecting a small percentage of vaccinated people as well as many unvaccinated people, eight Bay Area health officers have issued Health Orders requiring masks indoors in public places. The Orders require all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings when indoors in public settings, with limited exceptions, as of 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3rd.

Vaccines remain the most powerful tool in the fight against COVID-19, including the Delta variant. Nonetheless, the Delta variant is infecting a small percentage of the vaccinated in the Bay Area — who remain strongly protected against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. In those instances of infection in a vaccinated person, a face covering prevents further spread. Bay Area health officials urge all unvaccinated residents 12 and older to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

These Health Orders aim to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 and protect everyone. Health officials are very concerned by the substantial levels of community transmission now found across the Bay Area, especially among unvaccinated people. In part, this is due to the widespread COVID-19 Delta variant, which is substantially more transmissible than previous forms of the virus. Recent information from the CDC also indicates that even fully vaccinated individuals can in some cases spread the Delta variant to others, and so indoor use of face coverings provides an important added layer of protection.

The new Health Orders require wearing a well-fitting mask indoors in public settings. Indoor settings, whether public or private, are a higher risk for COVID-19 transmission, especially when you are with people you do not live with.

Health officials also recommend that all employers make face coverings available to individuals entering their businesses, and businesses are required to implement the indoor face covering order.

Today's Health Orders are consistent with guidance from the CDC and the California Department of Public Health, which recommend that fully vaccinated individuals wear masks while in indoor public settings. Bay Area Health Officers will continue to monitor data, including increasing vaccination throughout the region, to determine when the Orders can be adjusted or lifted.

The update to San Francisco's [Safer Return Together Health Order](#) adds a new requirement for individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, to wear masks while in indoor public settings in San Francisco. There are limited exceptions for certain exempt individuals (like children under two). Other limited exceptions apply to designated settings where required ventilation measures have been put in place and when participants are engaged in an activity where masks may be removed. Refer to the [health order](#) for more information.

The San Francisco Health Officer strongly encourages individuals to wear masks when they are in crowded outdoor spaces (parades, fairs and outdoor concerts, sports exhibitions, etc.), or while taking part in indoor gatherings at private homes with members of other households.

DPH has [signage available](#) for businesses and others to post regarding the new indoor masking requirements.

DPH is also providing updated guidance on what masks satisfy the requirements of the order—in most situations outside health care settings, a face covering that is well-fitted to an individual and covers the nose and mouth especially while talking. A non-vented N95 mask is strongly recommended as a well-fitted mask, even if not fit-tested, to provide maximum protection. A scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric or any mask that has an unfiltered one-way exhaust valve do not satisfy the requirement. The guidance can be found at www.sfc-dcp.org/maskingupdate.

Department of Public Health data reinforce that vaccines are highly effective against new delta variant

On July 30, DPH released new COVID-19 data showing a rapid rise in cases due to the highly infectious Delta variant, including breakthrough cases among vaccinated individuals. However, the data demonstrates that vaccines are proving highly effective in preventing not only illness, but also severe illness and hospitalizations.

New data released on case rates and hospitalizations show that case rates among the unvaccinated are more than double that of vaccinated individuals, and hospitalization rates among the unvaccinated are eight times higher. Unvaccinated people in the data presented include those who are not fully vaccinated.

The Delta variant is now the dominant strain in San Francisco, as is the case throughout the country, and is driving up cases and hospitalizations. San Francisco is one of the highest vaccinated cities in the world with 78% of the eligible population fully vaccinated, so breakthrough cases are expected.

The additional data will be [updated weekly online](#) along with the long provided daily data on confirmed cases, testing, and hospitalization across the San Francisco health care system.

Data Highlights for San Francisco:

- Vaccinated people are highly unlikely to be hospitalized due to COVID-19.
- The case rate among the unvaccinated population is more than double that of the vaccinated population in San Francisco.
- There have been no recorded COVID-related deaths amongst fully vaccinated people.
- San Francisco is averaging 176 new cases a day, a ten-fold increase since the beginning of June.

No vaccine offers 100% protection from infection, but all three authorized vaccines are effective at preventing serious disease. Based on clinical studies, breakthrough infections are to be expected but hospitalization due to COVID-19 is rare.

Testing positive for COVID-19 after being fully vaccinated does not mean the vaccine isn't working, it just means that a person was exposed and the immune system responded. The vaccine's job is to promote a healthy immune response. In other words, if you are fully vaccinated and contract the virus, your symptoms will most likely be mild, similar to the common cold.

Case Data

The data on cases by vaccination status are estimates based on verifications of San Francisco case data matched to California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) vaccine data. The 7-day rolling average among fully vaccinated individuals and not fully vaccinated individuals shows the trend in new cases. We calculate the rolling average by averaging the new cases for a particular day with the prior 6 days.

- 7-Day Rolling Average of Case Rate: 22.7 per 100,000
- 7-Day Rolling Average of Case Rate- Not Fully Vaccinated: 36.8
- 7-Day Rolling Average of Case Rate- Fully Vaccinated: 16.2

Hospitalization Data

COVID-19 hospitalization numbers are sourced from the California Hospital Association. The number of vaccinated patients hospitalized are obtained from matching the San Francisco COVID Hospital Data Repository (CHDR) to CAIR2 then validated through the DPH Task Force COVID Disease Response Unit. The vaccinated patients counted are those deemed to be hospitalized due to their COVID-19 diagnosis, not those hospitalized due to other causes who happen to test positive for COVID-19 before or during their stays.

There have been 16 clinically validated fully vaccinated San Franciscans who have ever been hospitalized due to COVID-19. There have been 3,041 San Franciscans hospitalized for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. Fully vaccinated patients have accounted for just 0.5% of all COVID-1 hospitalizations in San Francisco.

Mayor Breed announces launch of new street team to stop drug overdoses and other overdose prevention measures

On July 30, Mayor London N. Breed, DPH, and the San Francisco Fire Department announced the launch of a new Street Overdose Response Team (SORT) that, along with other overdose prevention initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget, aims to lower the record number of drug overdoses in the City.

Like many communities throughout the country, San Francisco has seen a rapid increase in drug overdoses in recent years due to the proliferation of the powerful, synthetic opioid fentanyl, which is 50 times stronger than heroin. Among those most at risk are people experiencing homelessness, whose rate of overdose deaths has doubled in the past year and account for at least one-quarter of all overdose deaths in the City. Additionally, data shows that over 50% of people who die from a drug overdose had prior contact with Fire Department EMS personnel.

In response, the City is urgently rolling out new interventions. Chief among them is SORT, which will proactively identify, engage, and follow up with individuals who have survived an overdose in order to prevent another, possibly fatal one from occurring.

The City is investing \$13.2 million this year in overdose prevention that in addition to SORT include:

- Opening the SOMA RISE Center this fall to provide 20 temporary beds for people who are intoxicated to come in safely off the streets and be connected to care and services, including housing.
- Expanded access to buprenorphine through telemedicine, increasing the hours at DPH's Behavioral Health Pharmacy and delivery of buprenorphine to "high risk" housing sites and other locations.
- Round-the-clock hours at the Market Street Clinic, an opioid treatment clinic at Civic Center that provides on-demand services for methadone, buprenorphine, and counseling and primary medical care.
- Widespread distribution of naloxone to settings such as hospitals, primary care clinics, substance use treatment programs, housing sites, and public settings like food pantries and dining halls – anywhere substance users access services.
- Expansion of the evidence-based efforts to incentivize people to continue addiction treatments.

In 2018, DPH's Street Medicine team was the first in the nation to bring opioid treatment directly to people experiencing homelessness with substance use disorders. SORT builds on San Francisco's successful street outreach model of care, which also includes the Street Crisis Response Team. Specifically, SORT is tasked with connecting with people in the moment they are being resuscitated, and as they come out of hospitals, clinics or other settings from drug overdoses, and offering them services that address substance use disorders. These include the opioid use disorder medicine buprenorphine, which not only helps wean people off opioids but can also directly prevent overdoses; rescue kits that include the opioid-blocker naloxone; educational materials; and support getting into substance use treatment facilities, housing or shelter as a safe exit from the streets.

The team launched on August 2 with an initial crew consisting of a street medicine specialist from DPH and a community paramedic from the Fire Department who will provide immediate care and support within 72 hours of an overdose.

Later this fall, SORT will ramp up to include ongoing and regular care and case management for individuals experiencing homelessness who have survived an overdose with additional capacities such as ongoing medication treatment, primary care and mental health services, and referrals to residential care and other

treatment programs. At full expansion, SORT will consist of specialists with a range of expertise who can meet a patient's unique needs, including medical specialists such as doctors and nurses; behavioral health specialists including counselors and psychotherapists, and peer counselors with related, lived experience.

SORT will respond citywide to overdose calls, initially 12 hours a day, and by early 2022 when fully deployed, will operate 24/7. Patients are identified by hospitals, the 911 system (such as dispatch, and fire or ambulance crews), through referrals from community partners, and other sources. The teams will make sure no one is lost to follow up, and in collaboration with other street outreach teams and a network of providers, can find and maintain contact with patients over time. The team anticipates building its case list to approximately 700 individuals within the first year of operations.

Previously, people experiencing homelessness with substance use disorders did not receive a proactive approach and depended on their actively seeking out care from the City's behavioral health system. SORT is part of the approach directed by the Mental Health SF legislation, which passed in 2019, to guarantee mental health care to all San Franciscans who lack insurance and prioritize people who are experiencing homelessness. The legislation provides services and coordinated support to people experiencing homelessness who have mental health and substance use disorders.

Department of Public Health announces new Environmental Health Director

DPH is excited to announce the Population Health Division's new Environmental Health Branch (EHB) Director, Patrick Fosdahl. In 2017, he became the Assistant Director of the Environmental Health Branch and has been serving as the Acting Director since July 2020. In doing so, Patrick's steadfast and discerning leadership has led EHB through the COVID-19 pandemic, which took on an immense new workload providing education about and enforcing health orders.

Patrick joined DPH in 1991. He started out as an Environmental Health Inspector in the Bureau of Toxics Health and Safety. Patrick became a Senior Inspector where he created the bureau's enforcement program and participated in San Francisco's first Coordinated Enforcement Agency Task Force. He was also involved in creating the City's first Risk Management Program and assisted in the Hazardous Materials Program becoming one of the State's first Certified Unified Program Agencies. The Bureau later became a part of the Environmental Health Branch where Patrick supervised and was an active member of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team, responded to noise complaints, managed the Retail Tobacco and Smoking program, Body Art, Massage, Air Quality and the Cell Antenna Compliance Program.

We are thrilled to have Patrick's expertise lead the city through such trying times.

Chinatown Public Health Center graduates interns from Teen Healthy Eating & Active Living program

On July 30, DPH's Chinatown Public Health Center (CPHC) Nutrition Services hosted the 2020-2021 Teen Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL) graduation, cosponsored by Chinatown YMCA and funded by the Chinese Community Health Care Association. The HEAL internship program is designed to empower teens to improve their nutritional and physical well-being, to lead other teens in their schools via their school HEAL clubs and to serve in various community agencies.

At the celebration, 15 interns graduated, and 19 new interns were inducted. The graduates had created a 94 pages reflection booklet sharing their champion stories and healthy recipes along with a reflection of their experience of the program.

Dr. Hali Hammer, Director of Ambulatory Care, Dr. Sunny Pak, Acting Medical Director CPHC, Priti Rane, Director of Nutrition Services, Dr. Shelley Fung-Yeung, UCSF Clinical Associate Professor, and celebrity Chef Martin Yan congratulated the teens for their inspirational work and welcomed the new interns into the program.

Additionally, Supervisor Aaron Peskin granted a certificate of honor to CPHC in recognition of its commitment fostering the next generation of nutrition and health advocates.

For more info and to get your free copy of the HEAL reflection booklet, please email Catherine Wong, Nutrition Manager (CPHC) at Catherine.wong@sfdph.org.

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- Jul 28 2021, BAR: [SF budget, federal agency fund local HIV programs](#)

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Chow requested a presentation of DPH street-level programs at a future meeting, noting the presentation could help clarify the relationship between programs.

4) COVID-19 UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, DPH Director of Health, and Jonathan Sears, MPH, SF COVID-19 Command Center Vaccine Branch Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Green thanked Director Colfax, Dr. Sears, and all those working on COVID-related initiatives at the DPH, noting that their work has led to outcomes not seen anywhere else in the country.

Commissioner Guillermo thanked Dr. Colfax and Dr. Sears for the ongoing impactful work. She noted that there is so much work to be done as we are still emerged in the pandemic and the Commission is in support of the DPH work in this area.

Commissioner Christian expressed gratitude for the extraordinary work of the DPH and its partners in the success of protecting so many lives. She added that all of the Commissioners are thankful and willing to do what they can to support these heroic efforts.

Commissioner Chung thanked all staff and partners working on COVID-related initiatives. She noted that it has not been easy to adapt and be flexible to respond to new CDC or state guidelines, but the DPH has done so with grace and effectiveness. She asked how the DPH and City are approaching requests for a third shot. Dr. Sears stated that the DPH will be reviewing the CDC written guidelines to develop its own protocols.

Commissioner Chow gave accolades to the DPH in regard for handling the redeployment of so many of its staff to COVID-related work. He asked for more information regarding the timeline when immune-compromised individuals and others might be able to receive a third vaccine dose. Dr. Sears stated that the DPH will continue to monitor and align with the CDC/FDA recommendations and develop its own protocols to operationalize these guidelines.

Director Colfax stated that the DPH will have to develop a prioritization process for the third vaccination dose. He noted that the DPH and City will look to the CDC, FDA, and CDPH for guidance.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

6) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION FY21-22 GIFT FUND BUDGET

Lily Conover, LHH Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Green thanked Ms. Conover for presenting the item.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the FY21-22 Gift Fund Budget.

7) RESOLUTION: HONORING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION HEARING FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITY VOICES AND CODIFYING ITS COMMITMENT TO AN ANNUAL MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY

Mark Morewitz, Health Commission Executive Secretary, presented the item and noted that the draft contains the following suggested amendment from Commissioner Green:

“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission shall codify its tradition to hold at least one ~~in-person or virtual~~ meeting ~~in the community~~ each year, focusing on the public health needs of the ~~diverse~~ communities living in ~~the one neighborhood in which the meeting will be held; barring and prohibition from holding in-person meetings due to safety or public health issues;~~ and”

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Chow stated he supports Commissioner Green’s proposed amendment.

8) DEVELOPING A HEALTH COMMISSION HEALTH EQUITY TRAINING PLAN

This item was postponed.

9) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Girauda, Chair, stated that the committee discussed a presentation from BHS on its internship and staff pipeline programs. A recent hire will focus on coordinating graduate internship programs. With input from the Commission, BHS is working to centralize its internship processes, including application and didactic teaching. She added that the DPH website will be updated with the centralized application process in the next 6-8 months.

10) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

11) JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Guillermo, Chair of the LHH JCC, thanked Commissioner Green for stepping in to chair most of the August 10, 2021 meeting. She noted that at the meeting, the committee discussed a presentation on replacement chillers, an important part of the HVAC system for the hospital. This replacement came years earlier than expected due to the moisture in the area. The committee was notified that the replacement of HVAC systems for the hospital is expected to occur approximately every 10 years.

The committee also discussed a presentation on the robust equity program at Laguna Honda Hospital. The COVID pandemic has interfered with the full rollout of these activities because the equity lead and several of the team were activated last year and have again been activated for this surge. Commissioner Guillermo suggested that Mr. Morewitz share the presentation with all the Commissioners.

The committee also reviewed the Executive team report and Regulatory Affairs report. In closed session, the committee approved the credentials report. No other closed session reports were discussed this month.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Chow noted that the City did take action to get funds back from the HVAC contractor. Some of these funds have been allocated to the replacement of the LHH HVAC system.

12) CLOSED SESSION:

- A) Public comments on all matters pertaining to the closed session
- B) Vote on whether to hold a closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11) and to invoke the attorney-client privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d))
- C) Closed Session pursuant to Cal. Government Code Sections 54957(b) and S.F. Adm. Code Sec. 67.10(d):

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH-GRANT COLFAX, MD

- D) Reconvene in Open Session: Motions and vote on whether to disclose any or all of the closed session discussions, San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)

Action taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclosed discussions held in closed session.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chung noted that the Health Commission would adjourn in memory of James Hormel, who was the first openly LGBTQ ambassador for the United States and a co-founder of the Human Rights Campaign. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.